THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) No licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act is required for manufacture of LPG cylinders.

Losses by Mawmluh-Cherra Cement Company

1975. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mawmluh-Cherra Cement Company has incurred losses to the tune of crores of rupees so far;

(b) if so, what were its Balance Sheets for the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86; and

(c) what were the reasons for its incurring such heavy losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Reports have been received from the State Government of Meghalaya that M|s. Mawmluh-Cherra Cement Company, a State Govt. unit is incurring losses. The information regarding the exact amount of loss and the balance sheets of the Company have not been furnished by the State Government.

(c) The main reasons for losses is the low capacity utilisation because of locational disadvantages, extreme climatic conditions and non-availability of trained technical personnel.

Cement Corporation of India

1976. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cement Corporation of India is expected to be in the red in the current year;

(b) if so, the net loss expected to be incurred during the year 1985-86;

(c) what are the reasons for which the CCI's performance in terms of profit has been on the decline for the last two years and during the current year it is likely to incur a record loss; and

(d) the steps being taken to tone up the working of the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The net loss expected to be incurred during 1985-86 is Rs. 13 crores (Approx.).

(c) The Corporation has indicated the following reasons:—

(1) Increase in power tariff in Madhya Pradesh (where three units are located). Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh and Assam;

(2) Increase in coal prices at Singareni Collieries w.e.f. 1-1-1985 affecting the profitability of the three units, Adilabad, Yerraguntla and Kurkunta served by these collieries;

(3) Increase in mineral right tax in Andhra Pradesh by Rs. 9 per tonne on limestone affecting the profitability of two units located at Adilabad and Yerraguntla in this State;

(4) Extra freight on road transportation on coal from Western Coalfields and Singareni Collieries to the two units at Yerraguntla and Kurkunta and also to some extent to Adilabad;

(5) Lower production of cement than anticipated due to various reasons such as severe power cut|power shortage|fluctuations|trippings faced by the plants, particularly those located in the States of Karnataka and Haryana, non-availability of railway wagons, non-availability of sufficient quantity of slag, short

supply and deterioration in quality of coal, labour problems at Yerraguntla, Bokajan and Adilabad Cement Factories, rehabilitation of four of the units located at Charkhi Dadri, Kurkunta, Rajban and Adilabad.

(d) Government have constituted a Committee consisting of professional experts and senior officers of Government under the Chairmanship of Dr. H. C. Visvesvaraya to enquire into the state of affairs of the Cement Corporation of India Limited. The Committee has been requested to make specific recommendations on the steps to be taken by the Government and Government nominees on the Board of Dirctors of the Corporation to improve the state of affairs of the Corporation and to revise/modify the system and procedures followed by the Corporation, if necessary. The Committee is expected to submit its interim recommendations by the end of March, 1986.

Mawmluh-Cherra Cement Limited

1977. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) what is the daily capacity of the Mawmlh-Cherra Cement Limited to produce cement;

(b) what was its annual production during each of the financial year of the 6th Five Year Plan period; and

(c) how much of the State's demand it had met during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) According to Mawmluh-Cherra Cement Limited the daily capacity of their factory at present is 680 tonnes.

Year	Annual Production (in lakh tonnes)
1980-81	0.70
1981-82	0.97
1982-83	0.83
1983-84	1.03
1984-85	0.96

(c) The allocations of cement made to the State of Meghalaya (under State quota including Irrigation and Power Projects) and the quantities of levy cement which was supplied to the State by Mawmluh-Cherra Cement Factory are given below:—

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Year	Allocations including Irrigation & Power Projects	Quantity Supplied by Mawmluh-Cherra Cement Ltd.
1981	0.73	0.70
1982	0.74	0.60
1983	0.86	0.77
1984	0.87	0.89
1985	0.91	0.75 (Prov.)

पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में उद्योगों की स्थापना के लिए केन्द्रीय पूंजी-निवेश सहायता योजना की अवधि का बढ़ाया जाना

1978. श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में स्थित उद्योगों पर लागू होने वाला "केन्द्रीय पूंजी-निवेश सहायता योजना" की अवधि 31 मार्च, 1986 को समाप्त होने